

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

Advocating for local, state, and national programs that promote quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities in partnership with Seattle Human Services and King County.

To: ADS Advisory Council Members and interested others

From: Alex O'Reilly, Chair, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council

Subject: ADS Advisory Council June Meeting Agenda
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Agenda and Announcement for the Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, June 13, 2025 - Virtual MEETING

Join us on **Zoom**

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Agenda / Schedule					
10:00 - 11:30 am	Advocacy Committee (see attached agenda)				
12:00 – 12:55 pm	Presentation: by King County Women's Advisory Board				
12:55 –1:05	Race and Social Justice (RSJ) Moment: What is Juneteenth, and why is it important? - Karlos K. Hill and Soraya Field Fiorio				
1:05 - 1:50 pm	Advisory Council Business I. Approval of April Minutes II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min) O Advocacy Committee – Dr. Joel Domingo O Planning & Allocations Committee - Lorna Stone O VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder O NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty O Mayor's Council on African American Elders – Pamela Williams O Age-Friendly Seattle - Dinah Stephens III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min) O King County, Department of Community and Human Services				
	 Public Health Seattle-King County Sound Cities Association 				

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	IV. AC in the community/Goals and Recruitment V. ADS Director's Report, Maria Langlais (10 min)
1:50 - 1:55 pm	Other Announcements
1:55 - 2:10 pm	Executive Committee

Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events

Next Advisory Council meeting July 11, 2025

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ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

June 13, 2025 - 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on **Zoom**

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AGENDA

Item		Presenter	Time
1.	Welcome and Approval of April Meeting Minutes	Committee Chair	5 min
2.	Advisory Council Check-in Share information on recent advocacy and partnership activities and emerging issues. As a result, members will have a better understanding of the committee's collective work and identify connections that support their advocacy priorities.	All	40 min
3.	Advocacy Issues Federal, state, and local updates.	ADS Staff	30 min
4.	ClosingReview of Action Items	Michael	1 min



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Advisory Council Meeting April 11, 2025

Attending

<u>Advisory Council Members:</u> Dr. Joel Domingo, Joe Hailey, Tom Minty, Alex O'Reilly, Cynthia Snyder, Lorna Stone, Diana Thompson, Hannah Kimball

<u>Staff:</u> Michael Adusah, Maria Langlais, Mary Pat O'Leary, Mary (Mitchell) Pearson, Waing Waing, Sherry Wu, Andrea Yip

Guests: Emily Billow (SPL), John Boyd (for Councilmember Larimer); Edna Daigre, JJ Wong

1. Presentation

Today's <u>presentation</u> was provided by Oksana Bilobran, with the City of Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

The presentation aimed to summarize recent immigration policy changes, their impact on immigrant communities—especially older adults—and clarify legal rights. It covered the significant policy shifts like mandatory registration for undocumented immigrants, resulting reduced community interaction with public services, Washington State and Seattle's laws about cooperating with federal immigration enforcement, and practical guidance on handling ICE encounters, including workplace preparedness and rights awareness.

Approval of March Minutes

Lorna moved to accept the March minutes as submitted; Joe seconded: MOTION: Passed.

2. Reports from Committees and Councils

Advocacy Committee

The committee made a motion to for the full council to send a letter to City Council regarding the need for increased senior center investments.

MOTION: Cynthia moved to submit the letter. Joe seconded. MOTION PASSED.

The conversation concluded with a farewell to Diana, who is stepping down after today's meeting. Diana has been a long-serving member and the current committee chair. Members and staff expressed their gratitude for her dedication and advocacy efforts over many years.

• Planning & Allocations Committee

The meeting focused on the Quarterly Community Review, during which members discussed their experiences and current issues within their communities.

VSHSL Board Seniors Committee

There wasn't a quorum at the last meeting, however, there was a lengthy discussion about work that could be done with the board itself, and they are reconvening with a stronger agenda to deal with some of the challenges they're finding. Members met with the senior committee and developed topics to focus on for the next few months.

• NW Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

The steering committee had a good turnout . May 12-16 is the 10th annual affordable housing week – a week of education and advocacy events, sponsored by the Housing Development Consortium. The NWUDC will be offering another workshop for planners and developers, like the one hosted by the south sound group last month. Plans are also being made for the next Seattle Design Festival in August and updating the Evergreen standards. Tom gave a presentation to the Northwest Ohio Realtors Association and will be talking to the Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors next week about accessible housing.

• Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

Last month, the MCAAE had a presentation by the Tubman Center, who focuses on health justice and integrative medicine, serving BIPOC communities. Potential collaboration was explored where advocacy can come in from the MCAAE. Members will visit the Tubman Center next month to see their holistic approach and AC members are invited to join them on April 23.

Age-Friendly Seattle

Eldad reported that Meg Woolf at ADS is currently working modifying the anti-ageism training to the health sector. Meg is working closely with Alex as well to do some as an ambassador, going out in the community to encourage folks to take the training, but also recruit people from the health center to review the training before it goes public.

The monthly Civic Coffee hour in April will again be at the Filipino Community village and the featured topic is mental health.

3. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners

• King County, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

DCHS is hosting resource fairs featuring contracted providers funded through VSHSL. The first resource fair was in March in District 9 out in Covington in March, and thee next event will be in June; details will be forthcoming.

Public Health Seattle-King County

Provided an update on public health funding, noting that 23 states, including Washington, have sued the Trump administration over terminated funds, resulting in a temporary restraining order.

• Sound Cities Association

No report

4. ADS Director's Report

Alex and staff provided a summary of the USAging Policy Conference. Key policy issues covered included potential cuts to Medicaid and other programs, the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, healthcare integration, and changes in the administration for Community Living, and funding challenges faced by states.

Mary, Michael, and Alex had the opportunity to meet with the King County delegation. During these meetings, delegation members expressed interest in visiting aging programs within their districts, providing an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the human impact of federal funding.

The City of Seattle started their budget process in April and HSD is waiting to have more information about the state of the city.

Angela Miyamoto is leading the planning work to help our AAA implement WA Cares Fund. The program will launch in July 2026.enefits go live in 2026. Local implementation plans include bringing on new staff to support provider contracts and beneficiary services.

AAA directors are reaching out to state legislators to thank them for including senior nutrition funding in both House and Senate budgets. We will also be reminding them of the importance of Health Homes, which is currently funded in the Senate budget, but not in the House.

Finally, W4A sent a letter to Governor Ferguson regarding the need to add a third option for paid caregivers to WA Cares benefits, enabling relatives to be paid to provide care for their family members.

5. Executive Committee

Next Advisory Council meeting is May 16, 2025

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Info session for on immigration

Aging and Disability Services
Advisory Council Meeting
April, 2025

Oksana Bilobran, Legal Programs and Policy Manager, OIRA



AGENDA

- Changing Immigration Policies
- Older Immigrant Adults
- City and State Laws
- ICE encounters best practices
- Questions

Federal Immigration Policies: Historic Perspective

Key Policy Actions (2016–2020)

During this period, several immigration policies and executive actions sparked national debate and legal challenges:

- Public Charge Rule: Expanded the criteria for determining public charge.
- Attempt to Terminate DACA: Threatened protections for undocumented youth.
- **Travel Ban:** Restricted entry for individuals from several primarily Muslim-majority nations.
- Family Separations: Policies separated children from parents during detention.
- **Legal Immigration Restrictions:** Procedural changes added delays and barriers for naturalization and other lawful immigration processes.

Federal Immigration Policies: 2025 so far

- Attempt to Terminate Birthright Citizenship
- Immigrant Registration Requirement criminal penalties for not registering or not carrying proof of registration
- Family Detention Restarted
- Alien Enemy Act Invoked
- Refugee Resettlement Stopped
- Pausing or Freezing Funding for Legal Assistance
- Cooperation with Social Security and IRS
- Revoking Status (Temporary Protected Status, Parole)
- Criminal Prosecutions
- Travel Ban: rumored to be coming any day now.
- Legal Immigration Restrictions: Procedural changes to add delays and barriers for naturalization and other lawful immigration processes.

Older immigrant adults

- More than 8 million U.S. residents 65 or older are immigrants.
- Many are sponsored by adult children who immigrated to the U.S. as young adults.
- Majority of older immigrants have lived in the United States for over 30 years.
- Older immigrants tend to have <u>limited English proficiency</u> and little or no U.S. work experience.
- Compared to U.S.-born older adults, they are more likely to have <u>incomes below the poverty</u> <u>line</u>.
- Higher rate of poverty means many older immigrants continue to work.
- The vast majority do not qualify <u>for federally funded public benefits programs</u> until <u>five</u> <u>years</u> after they attain a "qualified" immigration status.

Impacts of Changing Policies on Older Immigrants

- <u>Recission of the longstanding protected areas policy: less likely to participate in community activities at places of worship and schools, or seek health care or social services because of the which previously excluded certain areas from immigration enforcement.</u>
- Law requiring that certain immigrants, including undocumented individuals, register with the Department of Homeland Security: less likely to interact with authorities and access services.
- <u>Rescission of decades of guidance</u> to agencies on how to serve individuals with limited English proficiency: older immigrants with LEP may experience increased difficulty accessing government programs and services in a language they understand through written translations or oral interpretation.
- Likely expansion of the public charge rule would hurt older immigrants' access to SSI (which is already limited) and housing benefits through a chilling effect and confusion.

Impacts of Changing Policies to Older Immigrants

- Immigrants' access to housing curtailed through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s attempts to prevent mixed-status households from accessing federally subsidized housing, harming access for older immigrants and multi-generational families.
- Ending funding for many federally funded legal services: legal services providers are unable to keep up with surging demand.
- Aggressive immigration enforcement and rhetoric: older immigrants may be less likely to report elder abuse and other issues to Adult Protective Services, police, legal aid, and other government or social services agencies out of fear of immigration-related consequences.

Applicable State Laws and Policies

Keep Washington Working Act (2019)

- Prohibits law enforcement from inquiring about immigration or citizenship status unless linked to a criminal investigation.
- Bars sharing nonpublic personal information with federal immigration authorities unless required by law.
- Forbids detaining individuals solely for determining immigration status or based on civil immigration warrants.
- Disallows contracts allowing state/local agencies to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations.

Courts Open to All Act (2020)

- Restricts court officials from collecting or sharing immigration information unless tied to a criminal case.
- Prohibits civil arrests at or near court facilities, except when federally mandated.

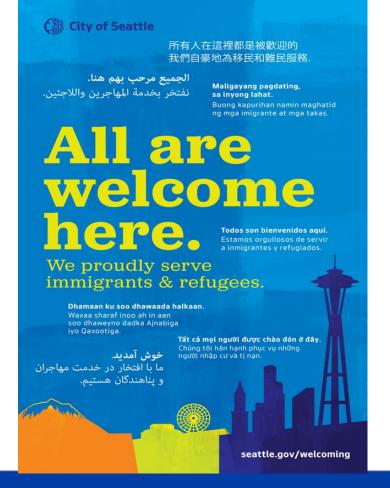


Applicable City of Seattle Laws and Policies

- Not Hindering: The City does not interfere with federal agencies acting under judicial orders or otherwise within the law. Chapter 4.18 SMC states that City officers and employees:
 - Are to cooperate with, and not hinder, enforcement of federal immigration laws, and
 - Are not prohibited from cooperating with federal immigration authorities as required by law.
- "Do not ask": Unless otherwise required by law or court order, no Seattle City officer or employee shall inquire into the immigration status of any person or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person.
 - There is a limited exemption to this directive related to SPD.
- **Seattle Resolution 31730 (2017)**: Provides that City services are accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration status.

Welcoming City

- City of Seattle does not ask about immigration status
- We serve everyone regardless of status
- City of Seattle does not cooperate with immigration enforcement but does not prevent or impede it. Immigration enforcement is federal matter.



Who can be arrested by ICE?

The law permits the federal government to deport certain immigrants, including:

- Any person who is undocumented
- People with legal status who have certain criminal convictions or offenses
- Highest Priority Seems to Be
 - Non-citizens with prior removal orders
 - Non-citizens with criminal histories
 - But, remember all non-citizens are at some risk, especially those without any lawful status
 - Non-citizens subject to expedited removal enforcement

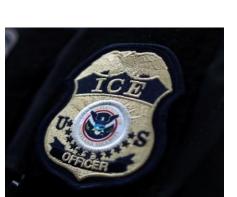
Your role as a social service provider

Nonprofit agencies and social service providers should *protect their* clients and staff to the greatest extent possible during ICE interaction.

- 1. Establish protocols for interacting with ICE
- 2. Audit workspace and event sites
- 3. Train staff, particularly reception, for ICE interactions

What is ICE?

















The 4th Amendment

 The 4th Amendment to the Constitution protects us against unreasonable searches and seizures of people and property by the government—including ICE.



- Applies to both citizens and undocumented immigrants
- The extent to which an individual is protected by the 4th Amendment depends, in part, on the *location* of the search of seizure

Private vs. Public

Private Public Private areas, such as homes and parts of the workplace only accessible to staff, have the strongest protections ICE must have either (1) proper judicial warrant, or (2) consent to enter a private area Public areas, such as sidewalks and streets, have relatively weaker protections ICE must have "reasonable suspicion" of an immigration violation to detain and arrest

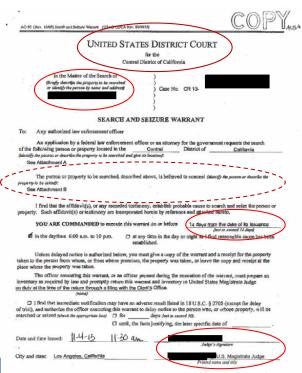
Private / Non-Public Areas - Consent

ICE needs **judicial warrant** or **consent** to enter/search private areas

Consent Tips:

- Do not give ICE consent to enter private areas; simply state "I do not give you permission to be here. Please leave."
- Identify who in your organization has authority to consent to law enforcement entry.
- Be aware of falsehoods and pressure to gain consent.

Private / Non-Public Areas - Judicial Warrant





Public Areas

ICE can enter public areas if there is "reasonable suspicion" that an individual is in violation of immigration law to detain and search without a warrant. Use the 5th Amendment - remain silent!

Public Area Tips:

- 1. Ask if you are free to go
- 2. Stay silent (or ask to consult with a lawyer)
- 3. Do not lie or give false or foreign documents
- 4. Do not give permission to search
- 5. Do not run away

Preparation: Work and Event Sites

- Audit your workspace, event location, service areas.
 - Think about access, and how it is or should be restricted.
 - Consider what information is in plain view
- Demarcate public and non-public/restricted areas
 - signage, entrances, barriers which restrict access, intercom
- Establish protocols for ICE encounters
 - communication plan ICE, staff, clients, reception support
 - identify staff authorized to consent to ICE entry
- Train Staff, particularly reception and those who initially interact with visitors

ICE comes to your workplace or event

- City of Seattle has a specific protocol. If you work for the City of Seattle follow the City protocol inform your Department representative and the MO. These best practices are not for City employees.
- Ask for identification and a judicial warrant
- Do not allow access to non-public areas "you do not have permission to be here;" "Only my supervisor has authority to permit access to these facilities"
- Do not share information about staff or clients remain silent if ICE asks about individuals or services
- Everyone has a right to remain silent, but you should not direct them to not speak to agents (ICE has no duty to provide Miranda warnings)
- Contact WAISN (844) 724-3737
- Do not lie, hide clients, or aid in their escape
- Document contemporaneous notes or record if safe

Documenting ICE encounters

- Record name, badge number, contact information of agents; ask for copy or take a picture of any cards, warrants, or documents presented by ICE
- Note the date and time, number of agents, and all communications and ICE actions to the best of your ability
- If safe, announce that you will video record the encounter and do so
- Maintain a safe distance; if possible, accompany each agent to note their actions in your workspace
- Contact WAISN: (844) 724-3737

Resources

- <u>nwirp.org</u> Legal help, know your rights info, webinars
- <u>lcycwa.org/immigration</u> Family Safety Plan
- waisn.org Resources page in multiple languages
- <u>pifcoalition.org</u> Health and services access and rights
- NAKASEC <u>Know Your Rights iPhone App</u> or android: <u>http://bit.ly/KYR_Aptoide</u>
- API-GBV <u>FAQs IMmigration Enforcement and Victim Services Programs</u>
- Red Cards: <u>www.ilrc.org/red-cards</u>
- Non-profit or Low Cost Immigration Attorneys:
 www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/
- Private Immigration Attorneys: <u>www.ailalawyer.com</u>
- Find Legal Help Dept of Justice: www.justice.gov/eoir/find-legal-representation
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Referral Services <u>www.ailalawyer.com</u>
- Non-Immigration Legal Questions: www.washingtonlawhelp.org
- WA Schools immigrant protections: <u>bit.ly/WAschoolsICEprotection</u>
- WA Courts immigrant protections: bit.ly/WAcourtICEprotection

Questions?